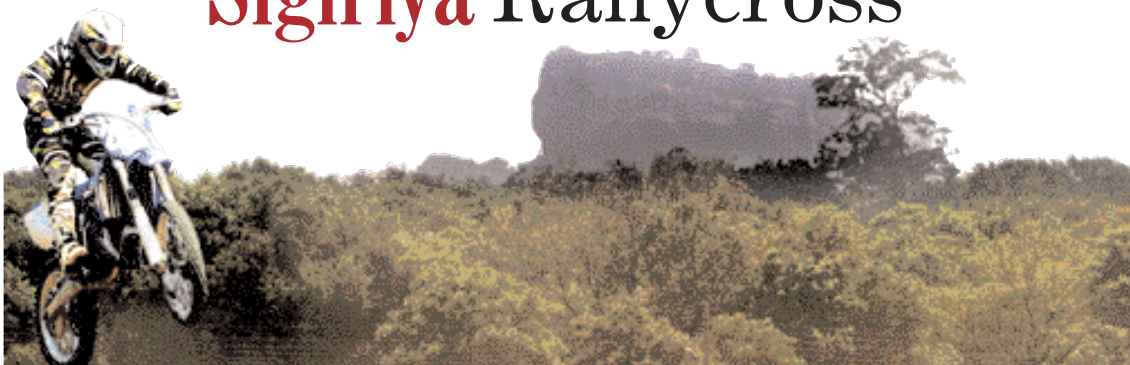


Sigiriya Rallycross



Indian Champion rider C.S. Santosh. Pictures by Saman Mendis

India's Santosh praises Ishan for sportsmanship

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The Indian Champion Super Cross rider C.S. Santosh paid a loving tribute to Sri Lanka's young rider who willingly gave his Motor Cycle to him to participate in the second race when he reached the podium of the recently concluded Sigiriya Rallycross. Santosh who competed in the 250 cc category on his own bike he brought down from India, came with mechanical problems and could not finish the race and was highly a dejected man.

Ishan Dassanayake who suffered an injury on the previous day while practicing, was only a spectator on the race day. When Santosh made the request for the bike, without any hesitation Ishan handed the bike to him to compete. His kind nature not brought light to the race but also gave the opportunity for Santosh to take the second slot in the racing Class riding against Gayan Sandaruwan. This competition also became best race of the day with the two top riders from India and Sri Lanka in a stiff battle. This kept all the spectators in suspense throughout the race and the Lankan led won it to the surprise of all.

Later Santosh said that the Lankan riders are highly talented and they need more international exposure. If they are given the opportunity they are sure to be among the top riders in the Asian region.

The Indian rider who was on his first visit to Sri Lanka also added that the Sigiriya track is excellent for riders. Full praise should go to the organizers for arranging a track suitable for top riders to compete equally using their talents to the maximum.

He said that he hopes to visit Sri Lanka in the future too for competitions of this nature. "That was a good experience for me" said Santosh.



Udesh Wedisinghe finishing first in the Group SM Super Motard up to 250cc (2T & 4T) event



Gayan Airborne

Action that burnt Sigiriya track



Group M STD/MOD Street Trail Bikes up to 250cc event in progress



Champion rider Gayan Sandaruwan in action



Gayan Sandaruwan with the Air Chief Marshal Roshan Goonetilleke Challenge Trophy



Action at the under 13 Group J Racing up to 85cc event.



Group SL Cars up to 10-12kg/hp Upulwan Serasinghe in front



Group SL H Cars up to 1600cc - First race

Results:

Group M STD/MOD Street Trail Bikes up to 125cc

1. Lahiru Jeevantha, (Kawasaki 125cc)
2. Shanuka Jayana Sandaruwan (Honda CRM 85cc)
3. Shiva Marappan (KTM EXC 125)

Group J Racing up to 85cc under 13

1. Evon Bigyae Gurusinghe
2. Jacques gunewardene
3. Kasun J. Wickramanarachchi

Group SL-N Nissan march up to 1000cc

1. Lanil galaboda
2. Harsha panduwawala
3. Michael Wijesuriya

Group SM Super Motard up to 250cc (2T & 4T)

1. Udesh Wedisinghe
2. Sudesh Vidarshika
3. Sujith Karunasekera

Group SL H Cars up to 1600cc (Race 1)

1. Pasindu Peiris
2. upulwan Serasinghe
3. Ishraq Wahab

Group J Motor Cycles PW & Qrup to 500cc under 10 years

1. Jaden gunewardene
2. I. Akalanka Senadeera
3. Aaron Gunewardene

Group M STD/MOD Street Trail Bikes up to 250cc (2/T & 4/T)

1. R. M. Saifaz
2. Lahiru Jeevantha
3. Haren Yatawaka

Group SL Cars up to 10-12kg/hp

1. Upulwan Serasinghe
2. U. C. Perera
3. Kaushal Samarasinghe

Group SL GT Cars 3500cc

1. Pasindu Peiris
2. Aravinda Premadasa
3. Janaka Dias

Group zmx Racing Motor Cycles up to 85cc under 16 years

1. Shanuka Jayana Sandaruwan
2. Uditha Deshan Solanki
3. Evon Biyagee Gurusinghe

Group MX racing Motor Cycles up to 125cc(2T) upto 250cc (4T)

1. Gayan Sandaruwan
2. D. Yuhon Rajith Silva
3. Tuan Osseen

Group T & J Open

1. Ishraq Wahab
2. Sanjaya Sedera Senerath
3. Manjula Wijesuriya

Group SL N Ford Laser/ Mazda up to 1500cc

1. chaminda weerasooriya
2. Upulwan Serasinghe
3. Kaushal Samarasinghe

Group Sm Super Motard up to 40cc (2/T & 4/T)

1. Udesh Wedisinghe
2. Ramal Pathiratne
3. M. Amila Indika de Costa

Group M Street Trail Bikes Open

1. R. M. Saifaz
2. Lahiru Jeevantha
3. Ranjith Samaraweera

Group MX Racing Motor Cycles 85cc under 16 years

1. Shanuka Jayana Sandaruwan
2. Shehan C. Adikari
3. Uditha Deshan Solanki

Group SI H Cars up to 1600cc

1. Pasindu Peiris
2. Ashan Silva
3. Upulwan Serasinghe

Group Sm Super Motard Open

1. Ramal pathiratne
2. Suraj Perera
3. Sudeep Vidarshika

Group SI A Cars up to 1400cc

1. Newada Illangakoon
2. Nishan Wasalthanthri
3. W.A.G. Rangan

Group MX Racing Motor Cross Bikes up to 125cc (2/T) & 250cc (4/T)

1. Gayan Sandaruwan
2. C. S. Santosh (India)
3. Yuhon Rajith Silva

Group SL GT 3500cc

Race has to be abandoned due to an accident resulting many cars being damaged.
Gayan Sandaruwan was awarded the Air Chief Marshal Roshan Goonetilleke Challenge Trophy for collecting the highest number of points for Motor Cycle events.